CWAC Meeting
Thursday, May 22, 2014
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Lawrence Hall Youth Services
65 E. Wacker Place, Suite 1300
Chicago, IL 60601

I. – Director's Report

Acting Director Gregg reported/addressed the following:

- Budget
  - House Appropriation Committee is looking at doomsday budget with 14% in deductions. These deductions would affect the following:
    - Personnel
    - Foster Parent Agencies, Providers, and the proposed COLA
    - Institution/Group Homes Provider COLA
    - Employment related day care for Foster Parents for day care (decline of $3.5 million)
    - Child Advocacy Centers
    - Healthcare Network
    - Targeted Case Management
- Significant Events
  - FY begins July 1…target contact distribution on June 1st.
  - 5th year of DCFS Child and Family Services Plan with the Children's Bureau. The new plan is due on June 30th but DCFS requested and received an additional 30 days
  - HB4773 – Passed regarding the Youth Advisory Board Act which was drafted and proposed by our youth in care to make the Youth Advisory Board statutorily required and was supported by the House and Senate
  - On May 20, 2014 DCFS hosted a media event to raise Human Trafficking awareness. We were joined by FBI, Cook County States Attorney Office and the Cook County Sheriff's office.
  - May is Foster Parent Appreciation month. On May 28-29, DCFS will have a giant card for everyone to sign to show our foster parents appreciation
  - June 17th – 50th Anniversary Celebration @ JRTC
  - Scheduled DCFS Youth Summits
    - June 5th – Southern Region
    - June 18th – Cook Region
    - June 20th – Northern Region
    - June 26th – Central Region

Question from the floor:

Marge B. asked how many children of ours have been impacted by Human Trafficking? Group Homes? Foster Care Homes? Director Gregg stated we have not been effectively tracking and are currently looking at a way of implementing a systemic way of tracking youth in care. Tom F. stated that a common definition would be helpful of who exactly is affected. Marge B. made a sidebar and mentioned that CCA will also be celebrating 50 years on June 12th and 13th.

II. – Committee Reports

1. **Outcomes/Performance Based Contracts**
   - **Issues**

- Mechanics of getting timely data
- Are we measuring the right things?
- How is data being used? Does it affect contract decisions?
  - Need for Data from the Department
  - Choices Pilot will continue to measure outcomes.

2. **IT – Current Goals**
   - To provide access to SACWIS to other individual involved in the life of a case so that tracking can be more accurate.
   - Provide access to SACWIS to residential providers
   - In the near future: unusual incident reports to be completed in SACWIS
   - Data Access/Warehousing – A better way to get information out to agencies and give these agencies the ability to enter information in client files.

3. **Finance & Administration-**
   - Currently reviewing rate structures with rate committee
   - Gave overview of impacts on the department with projected budget

4. **Medicaid/Managed Care**
   - ICD9/DSM4 – will be used for Medicaid billing system through 2015.

5. **Front End/Intact**
   - Awaiting program plans
   - Continued joint efforts with private sector and the department to work cases for closure
   - Creating level system for cases open six months and longer
   - Recommendation for Tier System – working on defining system. Roll-out date of June 1st
     - Tier 1 – 6 months
     - Tier 2 – past 6months

6. **Foster Care**
   - Foster Care has joined forces with POS DCFS group
   - Recommendations for structure process. POS and DCFS to look at rule and procedure and contracts.
   - Two groups working on program plans
     - The language of rules/procedures and contracts of serving children who remain in the home
     - Geographically spread families

7. **Residential –**
   - Transition of UIR to RIOS in SACWIS
   - Brief discussion on children in foster care and treatment of children with asthma
   - SPP training is near completion

8. **Older Adolescents**
   - Countdown to 21
     - This pilot would focus on wards 18-21
     - 80% of caseload would be served by private sector
     - Any emancipation funds will be returned to DCFS
     - All (63) agencies will need to designate a staff person to attend the training to become a certified financial literacy instructor